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been made. I am sorry I have to advise hon. Members to make themselves as convenient as possible."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" We do not hear what goes on between the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition and some arrangement must be made to improve the position."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" We shall consider that question. The experts think that we cannot have any loudspeakers here as they will make it inaudible on account of ' booming.' That is why we have not fixed loudspeakers here."

Persons employed in Gazetted and non-Gazetted services.

* 41 *Q.*—SRI O. P. RAMASWAMI REDDIYAR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons employed in Gazetted services in 1938–39 and 1945–46;

(*b*) the extent of money spent on them;

(*c*) the number of persons employed in non-Gazetted services in 1938–39 and 1945–46;

(*d*) the extent of money spent on them; and

(*e*) the extra money spent in both the services in 1945–46 and extra men employed?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" Figures for 1945–46 are under preparation and they will be ready only in October 1946. So figures for 1944–45 are furnished instead under each question below.

" (*a*) The number of persons employed in Gazetted services in 1938–39 and in 1944–45 is as follows :—

	1938–39.	1944–45.
I. Indian Civil Services	**140**	**125**
II. All-India Services excluding the Indian Civil Service.	**238**	**172**
III. Provincial Services	**1,419**	**2,199**
Total ..	**1,797**	**2,496**

" (*b*) The money spent on **Gazetted** services (on salaries) in **1938-39 and in 1944–45** is given below :—

	1938-39. RS. LAKHS.	1944–45. RS. LAKHS.
I. Indian Civil Service	**30·16**	**29·49**
II. All-India Services excluding the Indian Civil Service.	**35·24**	**26·39**
III. Provincial Services	**98·39**	**107·25**
Total ..	**163·79**	**163·13**

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" (c) The number of persons employed in non-gazetted services in 1938–39 and in 1944–45 is as follows :—

	1938–39.	1944–45.
I. Subordinate, ministerial and inferior services excluding village establishments.	92,108	144,663
II. Village establishments	108,237	107,776
Total ..	200,345	252,439

" (d) The money spent on non-gazetted services (on salaries) in 1938–39 and in 1944–45 is as follows :—

	1938–39. RS. LAKHS.	1944–45. RS. LAKHS.
I. Subordinate, ministerial and inferior services excluding village establishments.	422·55	565·19
II. Village establishments	115·33	123·24
Total ..	537·88	688·43

" (e) The extra money spent on both the services in 1944–45 was Rs. 149·89 lakhs, the extra men employed being 52,793."

(The Hon. the Premier reads out the answer to the question.)

MR. PRESIDENT :—" If the Hon. Prime Minister has no objection, he can ask some other Hon. Minister to read out the answers."

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" No, Sir. I shall read it myself."

SRI K. VENKATASWAMI NAYUDU :—" Will Mr. President kindly have the answer circulated to the Members as it contains very valuable information?"

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The answer will be printed in the proceedings."

Supply of articles of diet to the various hospitals in the Province of Madras.

* 43 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health and Medicine be pleased to state—

(a) what arrangements exist at present for the supply of articles of diet to the various hospitals in the Province;

(b) whether the question of utilizing co-operative institutions for the purpose has ever been considered ; and

(c) what agency exists in each hospital to ensure that the articles supplied are of the required standard quality?